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In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,892,726;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,223,559;
- (3) EP Patent No. 69 22 42;
- (4) EP Patent No. 1 156 772;
- (5) EP Patent No. 0 793 957;
- (6) DE Patent No. 698 01 146;
- (7) DE Patent No. 101 36 883; and
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